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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CUEING

A PRE-RECORDED VIDEOTAPE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-14.

Please amend claims 15 and 16 as follows:

1 15. (Amended) A method of processing a video signal recorded on a recording medium comprising the steps of:

3 (a) replaying the recorded video signal to <u>automatically</u> detect events therein, <u>each</u>

4 of said events occurring within viewable lines of a video frame;

5 (b) marking the recording medium with a first type of mark in proximity to a respective event recorded on the recording medium;